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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, in which the Office Action identified ten (10) distinct species. The Office Action further required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single species for prosecution.

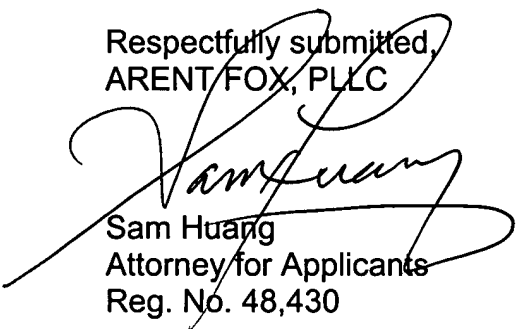
Pursuant to the Office Action's requirement, the Applicant elects, without traverse, Species II directed to the subject matter recited in claims 1-3, 5, 9, 11, 27, and 28 for further prosecution. It is understood that claims 4, 6-8, 10, and 12-26, shall be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

It is further understood that claim 1 is considered generic, and therefore upon the allowance of generic claim 1, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims 4, 6-8, 10 and 12-26 directed to Species I, III – X which are written in dependent form, or otherwise include all the limitations of allowed generic claim 1.

Accordingly, a timely examination and favorable action on claims 1-3, 5, 9, 11, 27, and 28 is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108391-00020.

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